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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER ATTACKS AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE ON MITBESTIMMUNG.

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BEGIN SUMMARY. HERMAN REBHAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION, ATTACKED THE
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AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY FOR OPPOSING THE

EXTENSION OF PARITY MITBESTIMMUNG. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ON OCTOBER 30 IN AN ADDRESS TO THE EUROPEAN METALWORKERS FEDERATION CONVENTION AT FRANKFURT. END SUMMARY

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE US MULTINATIONALS, AND THEY ARE NOT ALONE, BECAUSE THIS ALSO APPLIES TO MOST MULTINATIONALS, CLAIM THAT THEY ACT AS GOOD CITIZENS IN THE HOST COUNTRIES. WHEN WORKERS, THROUGH THEIR UNIONS, DEMAND UPWARD HARMONIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS, THEY HIDE BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF U.S. NATIONALISM. WHEN THEY ARE CALLED UPON TO GIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RELATIONS, THEY PROCLAIM LOUDLY THAT THEY ARE PART AND PARCEL OF THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY. BUT WHEN THEIR AUTHOCRITARIAN POWER OVER THE LIVES AND JOBS OF THEIR WORKERS IS THREATENED TO BE SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED AS THROUGH THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, KNOWN AS MITBESTIMMUNG, THEY SHOW THEIR TRUE COLORS.

3. THEY CONVENIENTLY DROP THE MANTLE OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP. THEY DEMAND THAT THEIR TRUSTED AGENTS OF GOVERNMENT SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF, THREATEN ON THEIR BEHALF, MANEUVER ON THEIR BEHALF, AND MOVE POLITICALLY ON THEIR BEHALF AGAINST THE MITBESTIMMUNG LEGISLATION.

4. I AM SPEAKING ABOUT THE LEGAL, POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE FRG, TO DEFEAT OR AT LEAST DELAY THE INTRODUCTION OF MITBESTIMMUNG.

5. MAYBE THEIR HIGH PRICED CONSULTANTS SHOULD REFER THEM TO THE STORY OF WISE PHILOSOPHER HERACLITUS, WHO MORE THAN 2,500 YEARS AGO SAID THAT ONE CAN NEVER STEP INTO THE SAME RIVER TWICE, BECAUSE THE WATER CHANGES.

6. IF THEY STILL INTEND TO PURSUE THEIR OLD POLICIES LAID DOWN IN THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, DETROIT OR SAN FRANCISCO, THEY MUST BE TOLD AND MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE RIVER OF TIME HAS CHANGED.

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7. THE EUROPE OF BIG INDUSTRIAL TRUSTS, CARTELS AND MULTINATIONALS IS ALSO THE EUROPE OF FAR-REACHING SOCIAL LEGISLATION WHICH SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE NOT ONLY FOR THE TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT ALSO AS THE TARGET AND GOALS FOR LABOR MOVEMENTS OF SUCH INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AS NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN. END TEXT
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